

THIS LUCKY AXEL GETS \$12,000 FOR EIGHT LOST TEETH

Not the Cartoon Hero, but
Brooklyn Man Who Was
Hit by B. R. T. Car.

JURY FIXES THE PRICE.

Eleven Do the Work Because
Twelfth Is Excused to Nurse
Teething Twins.

Axel Homestead, twenty-five years old, of No. 45 Herkimer street, Brooklyn, got \$12,000 for eight teeth to-day, which seems to be a record in these parts. A jury before Justice Maddox in the Long Island City Supreme Court determined the value of Axel's teeth and commanded the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company to settle.

The young man is an insurance agent, but that has nothing to do with the value of his teeth. It is doubtful if he could have insured his full equipment of thirty-two molars, incisors, canines, bicuspids and wisdom teeth for anything like \$12,000. On that bright October day on which he sacrificed eight incisors to the B. R. T. juggernaut, as his counsel eloquently put it, he might have been willing to take out said eight incisors and sell them for an even thousand, cash.

By a strange anomaly of fate Axel's teeth didn't begin to find their splendid market value until he lost them. They were good, strong white teeth—those eight incisors—when that Brooklyn "juggernaut" walked up and swatted them out of Axel's maxillary grips.

TRAGEDY OF THE TEETH AS AXEL SAW IT.

The costly (for the B. R. T.) tragedy occurred at Twenty-ninth street and Fifth avenue, Brooklyn, on Oct. 20, 1910. Axel was taking due care to cross the street when a furious trolley car leaped at him and smashed him. He was a sad mess as to teeth when he was picked up by several good Samaritans, who, after they had deposited him in a drug store, hunted for and gathered up the eight teeth, which were presented in the case as exhibit A.

The youth of that destiny acted played no small part in the award, for the eleven jurors were enjoined to figure on the probable length of life of the teeth and the amount of pain, chagrin and anguish their loss was apt to inflict upon Axel during the probable remainder of his life.

For those who may wonder why only eleven jurors tried the case let us explain that the twelfth juror was excused yesterday and the attorneys agreed to finish the trial with eleven men in the box.

Said twelfth juror came to court yesterday in a decidedly wobbly condition. He had been pacing the floor of his home all night with a pair of teething twins. He slept not, neither did the twins. When he advised Justice Maddox of the fact that he had rested off some fifty odd miles with a teething twin on each arm the night before the learned Judge decided that it was better to drop him out of the box.

NOT IN RIGHT STATE OF MIND AS TO TEETH.

He did not seem to be in a calm state of mind as to teeth. He confessed that such was the case, and asked if the plaintiff, Axel Homestead, had ever been a teething twin. Axel replied in the negative, and added that he was nearer to a toothless orphan than a teething twin. Juror No. 12 thereat was bowed out and went home.

The verdict in favor of Mr. Homestead sets an average value on his teeth of \$1,500 per tooth, or a total value of \$12,000 for his mouthful. And none of those eight teeth that the B. R. T. is likely to pay \$12,000 for had ever been filed, bridged or crowned.

In other words, they were perfectly good upstanding teeth.

RUSHING ACTOR RUSHED TO CELL AFTER RUSH MEAL

Had Rushed Out With Another
Actor's Seal Skin Coat,
Leaving His Own.

Thomas R. Morrison, an actor living at No. 206 West Forty-fourth street, rushed into Child's restaurant at Seventh avenue and Forty-third street to-day for a rush meal. He had on a Persian lamb overcoat. He put in a rush order, rushed through his meal and rushed out again minus his nice, big Persian lamb overcoat, but plus a non-water and non-sun-proof yellow raincoat.

James Garrison, also an actor, living at the Cadillac Hotel, rushed in at the same time. He likewise was in a hurry. He hung up his non-water and non-sun-proof yellow raincoat, scarcely ate a bite and rushed right out again with a nice, big Persian lamb overcoat and minus a yellow raincoat.

Actor Morrison, who had rushed out shortly after the out-rush of Actor Garrison, rushed to the Forty-seventh street police station. Here Mr. Frank McGee, who "detects" as a business, detected a pawn ticket in Actor Morrison's newly acquired yellow raincoat. Mr. McGee and Mr. Morrison rushed to Smith's pawnshop at Twentieth street and Eighth avenue.

Actor Garrison had rushed also to Smith's pawnshop on finding to his great surprise—he had lost his yellow raincoat.

Tableaux! Detective McGee, Actor Morrison and Actor Garrison exchanged felicitations. Headed by McGee, all rushed to West Side Police Court.

Here McGee talked, and Actor Garrison walked, or rather rushed into a cell under \$1,500 bail for trial on the charge of misappropriating one fur overcoat. Actor Morrison rushed out, set, plus a fur overcoat and minus a yellow raincoat, and Mr. McGee rushed back to do more detecting.

Rushing business! What?

JUDGE GIVES MOTHER \$25 WHEN HE SENTENCES SON.

Children Clinging to Her Skirts as She Makes Plea Move Court, but Do Not Lessen Penalty.

Among the prisoners arraigned before Judge Rosalesky in General Sessions to-day was David Potter, nineteen years old, of No. 123 Division street. He had been convicted, in company with two

other youths, of stealing a lot of jewelry from a restaurant at No. 431 East Ninth street Feb. 2.

Several neighbors of young Potter told Judge Rosalesky they had always regarded him as a model youth. Mrs. Annie Potter, the boy's mother, carrying in her arms a small child, and with three others clinging to her dress, begged for clemency for her son. She told the Judge she was a widow with seven children, David being the eldest.

"I don't know what I shall do, Judge," Mrs. Potter said. "If you send him to prison, I earn a few dollars a week as a scrubwoman and David has helped me manfully to support the other children. He has always been a good boy."

Judge Rosalesky sentenced Potter to the penitentiary for six months. His attendant met Mrs. Potter in the hall. "Take this," he said to the weeping woman, "with the Judge's compliments." And he handed her \$25 in bills.

LORILLARD SPENCER DEAD.

Millionaire, Clubman and Member of Old New York Family.

Lorillard Spencer, millionaire, clubman and member of a family which has been socially prominent in New York and Newport for many years, died to-day at his home, No. 7 East Eighty-sixth street. He was in his fifty-third year. The cause of his death was Bright's disease. The funeral will be held Saturday from St. George's P. E. Church, Stuyvesant Square.

Mr. Spencer had not engaged in business during many years, but his interests were wide, his estate demanding much attention. At one time he was the proprietor of the Illustrated American, and directing editor.

In September, 1909, an injury to Mr.

Spencer's foot necessitated the amputation of his left leg above the knee. Mr. Spencer is survived by a widow, known for her great beauty, and a son, Lorillard Spencer Jr., who is President of the New York Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He was a member of the Union, Metropolitan, New York Yacht and Automobile Clubs, and of the Sons of the Revolution, the Society of Colonial Wars, the Society of the War of 1812 and the Yacht Club.

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